IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA AUGUSTA DIVISION

KENNETH B. MARTIN; CHARLES N. *
CODY, SR.; BOBBY D. HARPER; *
SAMMIE L. SIAS; KENNETH L. *
WILLIAMS; A.J. SAUNDERS; MELVIN *
IVEY; GAIL HICKS; AND JOE E. *
HOWARD, *

Plaintiffs,

v.

CV 112-058

AUGUSTA-RICHMOND COUNTY,
GEORGIA, COMMISSION; DEKE S.
COPENHAVER, in his official
capacity as Mayor of AugustaRichmond County; RICHMOND
COUNTY, GEORGIA, BOARD OF
EDUCATION; ALEX HOWARD, in his
official capacity as President
of the Richmond County Board of
Education; and LYNN BAILEY, in
her official capacity as
Executive Director of the
Richmond County Board of
Elections.

Defendants.

ORDER

This reapportionment case was initiated due to population shifts in Richmond County, Georgia which were revealed by the decennial 2010 census. Plaintiffs filed suit pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 and the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment seeking declaratory, injunctive, and remedial relief

relating to the reapportionment of the districts for the Augusta-Richmond County Commission ("County Commission") and the County Board of Education of Richmond County ("Board of Education"). (Doc. no. 1.)

In this Court's May 16, 2012 Order, the Court declared that the existing districts for the County Commission and Board of Education were unconstitutional because they violated the "one person, one vote" principle. Accordingly, the Court enjoined further use of those unconstitutional districts and enjoined the County Board of Elections from accepting qualifications and conducting elections under the existing malapportioned County Commission and Board of Education district maps. Finally, the qualifying dates for the County Commission and Board of Education seats subject to this election cycle, scheduled for May 23-25, 2012, were delayed until further order of this Court.

As indicated at the injunction hearing held on May 16, 2012, the Court has now drawn a preliminary map for the eight County Commission and Board of Education single member districts and a preliminary map for the two super districts based on the 2010 census results. The preliminary maps are presented for review by the parties and attached to this Order as the Court's Exhibits A and B. The parties shall have until 5:00 P.M. on Wednesday, June 13, 2012, to file written comments regarding the preliminary maps attached to this Order. Following a review of

any comments, the Court will adopt final remedial maps and set qualifying dates for the County Commission and Board of Education seats with terms expiring December 31, 2012.

ORDER ENTERED at Augusta, Georgia, this _5#2 day of June, 2012.

HONORABLE J. RANDAL HALL UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA

Court's Exhibit A

Preliminary Remedial Map for Eight County Commission and Board of Education Single Member Districts Plan Name: FedCt-RichCCSB-2012

Plan Type: Local

User: Gina

Administrator: FEDCT

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DISTRICT	POPULATION	DEVIATION	% DEVIATION	BLACK	% BLACK	BLACK COMBO	TOTAL BLACK	%TOTAL BLACK	HISP. OR LATINO	%HISP
001	25,126	57	0.23%	17,061	67.90%	342	17,403	69.26%	518	2,06%
VAP	19,530	3,	0.23%	12,611	64.57%	148	12,759	65.33%	358	1.83%
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002	25,049	-20	-0.08%	17,596	70.25%	342 159	17,938	71.61% 68.02%	773 503	3.09% 2.69%
VAP	18,710			12,568	67.17%	139	12,727	08,02%	303	2.0776
003	25,081	12	0.05%	10,161	40.51%	391	10,552	42.07%	1,118	4.46%
VAP	19,923			7,584	38.07%	203	7,787	39.09%	814	4.09%
004	25,027	-42	-0.17%	17,060	68.17%	610	17,670	70.60%	1,731	6.92%
VAP	17,981			11,717	65.16%	293	12,010	66.79%	1,250	6.95%
005	25,038	-31	-0.12%	18,185	72.63%	463	18,648	74.48%	1,115	4.45%
VAP	18,147			12,589	69.37%	215	12,804	70.56%	732	4.03%
006	25,078	9	0.04%	13,149	52.43%	459	13,608	54.26%	869	3.47%
VAP	18,298			9,030	49.35%	160	9,190	50.22%	548	2.99%
007	24,955	-114	-0.45%	6,858	27.48%	354	7,212	28.90%	1,063	4.26%
VAP	20,188			5,071	25.12%	151	5,222	25.87%	778	3.85%
008	25,195	126	0.50%	8,563	33.99%	397	8,960	35.56%	1,020	4.05%
VAP	18,467			5,961	32.28%	141	6,102	33.04%	647	3.50%

Total Population: 200,549

Ideal Value: 25,069

23,009

Summary Statistics

Population Range: 24,955 to 25,195

-0.45%

Absolute Overall Range:

240

Relative Range:

to 0.50%

Relative Overall Range:

0.96%

Court's Exhibit B

Preliminary Remedial Map for Two Super
Districts

Plan Name: FedCt-RichCCSB-Sup-2012

Plan Type: Local

User: Gina

Administrator: FEDCT

DISTRICT	POPULATION	DEVIATION	% DEVIATION	BLACK	% BLACK	BLACK COMBO	TOTAL BLACK	%TOTAL BLACK	HISP. OR LATING	
009 VAP	100,240 74,368	-35	-0.03%	69,902 49,485	69.73% 66.54%	1,757 815	71,659 50,300	71.4 9% 67.64%	4,13 2,84	
010	100,309	34	0.03%	38,731	38.61%	1,601	40,332	40.21%	4,07	
VAP	76,876			27,646	35.96%	655	28,301	36.81%	2,78	7 3.63%

Total Population:

200,549

Ideal Value:

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Summary Statistics

Population Range:

Relative Overall Range:

100,240

to 100,309 69

to

0.03%

Absolute Overall Range: Relative Range:

-0.03%

0.07%